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TRANSFER VECTOR SYSTEM

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 19, 2001, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

Summary of the Invention

The invention is drawn to a recombinant HSV (claims 1-14), a viral stock (claim 15), a composition comprising a recombinant HSV (claim 16), and a method of transferring an ITR cassette to a host cell (claims 17-20).

Summary of the Office Action

The Office Action imposes a restriction requirement, segregating the pending claims into three groups as follows:

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I hereby certify that this Response to Office Action (along with any documents referred to as attached or enclosed) is being transmitted by facsimile to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Attention:

Examiner G. Leffers, Art Unit 1636, Facsimile Number 703-308-4242, on the date indicated.

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